

H2958, H2958-59, H2959-60, H3031-32, H3039-40, H3047, H3054-55, H3064-65, and H3065. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 3:32 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21.

Committee Meetings

FINANCING NATIONAL FOREST ROADS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing to review the financing of National Forest roads. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOE CIVILIAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 1277, Department of Energy Civilian Research and Development Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Kyle Simpson, Senior Policy Advisor, Department of Energy.

OVERSIGHT—CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing regarding the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Isabelle Katz Pinzler, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing regarding visa fraud and immigration benefits application fraud. Testimony was heard from Mary Ryan, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Paul W. Virtue, Acting Executive Associate Commissioner, Programs, Immigration and Naturalization Service; and Michael R. Bromwich, Inspector General; and Benjamin F. Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the agreement reached by the United States, the environmental community and the mining industry in the New World Mine proposed buyout. Testimony was heard from Kathleen A. McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 60, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Casa Malpais National Historic Landmark in Springerville, AZ; H.R. 951, to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hinsdale, CO; H.R. 822, to facilitate a land exchange involving private land within the exterior boundaries of Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County, WA; H.R. 1198, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, OR; and H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, CA. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hayworth, Thomas, Hastings of Washington and Smith of Oregon; from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnership, National Park Service; and W. Hord Tipton, Assistant Director, Bureau of Land Management; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 408, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act. The rule provides that, in lieu of the Resources Committee amendment, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and said amendment shall be considered as read. Clause 7 of rule XVI (germaneness) is waived against the Resources Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule further provides for an amendment printed in the Congressional Record to be offered by Representative Miller of California or his designee; and said amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment.

Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommend, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Saxton, Gilchrest, Cunningham and Miller of California.

RURAL EMPOWERMENT

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on regulatory, tax, licensing incentives and impediments to empowerment in rural and impoverished communities. Testimony was heard from Senator Lugar; Representative Jones; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees: Continued in evening session to further resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission resumed hearings to examine the process to enlarge the membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), receiving testimony from H.E. Branislav Lichardus, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States; Gyorgy Banlaki, Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary to the United States; and Stefan Tafrov, Ambassador-at-Large of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United States.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D492)

H.R. 968, to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities. Signed May 15, 1997. (P.L. 105-15)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the Quadrennial Defense Review, focusing on its impact on the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to review a General Accounting Office report on management and program weaknesses at the Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. Res. 57, to support the commemoration of the bicentennial of the

Lewis and Clark Expedition, S. 231, to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico, S. 312, to revise the boundary of the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Larue County, Kentucky, S. 423, to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason, S. 669, to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site, and S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan as a model for Medicare reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to child welfare reform, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on United States implementation of prison labor agreements with China, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on programs designed to assist Native American veterans, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue hearings on Financial Modernization, including, H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1262, Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1997; and H.R. 1053, Common Cents Stock Pricing Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, hearing on Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention legislation, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing to review the status of scientific information on ergonomics, 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to consider motions on subpoenas issued in connection with the Contested Election in the Forty-sixth District of California, 5:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on Obstacles to U.S.-African Trade and Investment, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearing on Quadrennial Defense Review, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 79, Hoopa Valley Reservation South Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 765, Shackleford Banks Wild Horses Protection Act; H.R. 856, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act; H.R. 858, Quincy